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TWO FORCES SET IN MOTION

A collision usually involves two powerful forces. On Tuesday, June 14th, two upcoming events came together. One was Field Day. The other was the new General Class License question pool to be effective July 1, 2011. Combined, they created a sense of urgency. The result was a whopping 21 candidates found their way to the Tri City VE on a Tuesday night.

Ten minutes before the official start time of 6:30 p.m., we were surprised to find 15 people awaiting. Never before had we handled more than 16 candidates in one session.

One person took all three exams that evening. Several took both the Technician and General. An 11 year old boy from Sunnyvale came back for his General. Candidates came from far away Livermore, Cupertino, Petaluma and Morgan Hill.

Our VE team did an outstanding job. Several people were training in new positions. Kelly Cochran, KJ6HFL, had never been our Runner tasked with escorting candidates in and out of the exam room, checking all the data, and advising if they passed. Jerry Grandstaff, N6BY, learned how to instruct the candidate on how to fill out the Answer Sheet, to not write on the Exam Booklet, and dispense all the other instructions before taking the test. Richard Makepeace, NA3E, one of our newest VEs was a grader for the first time. All the team were kept busy throughout the evening.

It was a record-breaking evening, thrilling for the candidates and for our whole team. Thanks to everyone who made it happen. Now we have a new challenge. Handle even more candidates!

73,

Rita Derbas, KI6SSQ and Bernhard Hailer, AE6YN

EM COMM CHANGES

Alameda County ARRL Emergency Communications is changing. John Raybold, KS6M, the ARRL East Bay Section Emergency Coordinator will be our primary speaker for the July SBARA meeting. John will tell us about the new guidelines for ARES membership as well as provide a debrief of the recent ARRL Em Comm conference in Berkeley.

We'll also hear from Mike Berke, KI6EGL, Newark ARES EC and Joe Pistritto, N3CKF, Fremont ARES EC on what's happening in their cities. Mike will bring information about the emergency-focused utilities group, TESA, with representation from police, fire, Alameda Water, PG&E, Union Sanitary and others. Bring all your Em Comm questions!

NOTES FROM NEWARK ARES/CERT

Our monthly meeting is the usual 2nd Thursday of the month, 14-July-2011, 7-8PM, at Newark Fire Station #28 at Thornton Ave and Ash St. We will review Field day and discuss the upcoming Urban Search training on Saturday July 16th. Light refreshments will be served.

Newark CERT's July Exercise is Urban Search (USAR) training by the AlCo SAR Team. There are still a few openings in the Newark CERT Quarterly Exercise on Saturday July 16th, 0900-1200 at the Silliman Center. We will be receiving training by the Alameda County Search and Rescue Team for CERT members and HAM operators. This is a refined version of the USAR training that some of us attended in Stockton back in March. Space is limited, so preference will be given to CERT members, but if there is room, HAM operators who are not CERT trained yet can attend. **This will be a joint training with Union City and Sunol CERT teams, and Fremont CERT/HAMs are invited as well**. It is strongly recommended that you have taken at least IS-100 (Intro to the Incident Command System), available for free from the FEMA website. More information on the USAR training on July 16th is available on the Newark CERT website. If you would like to attend this great training, **please send an e-mail RSVP** to info@NewarkCERT.org and copy me.

July is Newark's turn to run the Tuesday Night Tri-City Weekly Net Greg Miller WY6P has already volunteered to be NCS for the first night (5-July). If you are interested in being Net Control or Scribe for any of the Tuesday Night Nets in July, please let me know. Also, if you know any new HAM operators who would like to learn how to check into a Net, have them come by Firestation 28 some Tuesday this month (be there by about 7:15PM), and we can show them the ropes!

Field Day was June 24-26! Wow, what a lot of work! A huge thank-you to **Greg Miller WY6P** for his tremendous support and help with the Newark ARES station at the SBARA setup at Lake Elizabeth. Greg was there for the full 24-hour operating period, plus setup on Friday and tear-down on Sunday. You should have seen how loaded his truck was as he was driving off on Sunday! There were 5 operating stations at Field Day this year, and Newark ARES covered the VHF/UHF local Simplex station again this year. We had some good voice contacts (a bit fewer than in past years, though), with several different operators running the station. And we had a chance to talk to (and Elmer) several new HAM operators who stopped by to check out the event. Good stuff.

National Night Out is August 2nd We will be setting up HAM radio shadows for many of the NNO gatherings to check into the NNO Net, and to promote Amateur Radio's roll in emergencies and disasters. Please contact me if you would like to be a shadow HAM operator for a NNO group in Newark.

ARES Membership Level

Over the past year I have visited many of you and presented a vision for the future of ARES® within our Section. Working in cooperation with, and at the behest of our Section Manager Jim Latham, the East Bay Section leadership has been focused on establishing a section-wide ARES focus that better leverages the talents, resources, training, and needs of our four-county area of responsibility.

As a result of the work that has occurred over the past year, I am excited to announce that the ARRL East Bay Section Leadership is adopting uniform training standards and credentialing requirements in cooperation with the ARRL San Francisco Section ARES Program. The purpose of this action is to enhance our public service mission by pursuing common training and credentials that may be utilized across section boundaries, and to establish the foundation for a robust and viable ARES Mutual Assistance Team (ARESMAT) capability should the need ever arise.

As provided by the ARRL, the only requirements for ARES membership continue to be a valid Amateur Radio license and a sincere desire to serve. However, there will now be two levels of East Bay Section ARES membership: Full and Associate.

Those East Bay Section ARES members who have met specific training requirements will be designated Full ARES Members. Full ARES members will be issued photo ID cards free of charge by the Section Manager upon completion of all required training. The training requirements are;

IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS) IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction EC-001 Introduction to Emergency Communications - Level 1/Basic

Full ARES Members will also be expected to complete any training that is required by ARES served agencies.

East Bay Section ARES members who have not yet met the specified training requirements will be designated Associate Members. Associate members will be issued the standard ARRL ARES ID (form FSD-224) by their ECs.

ARES members must have Full ARES Member status to qualify for ARES leadership appointments and must complete the following requirements within one year of their appointments. Current leadership appointees must attain Full ARES Member status and complete the following requirements by December 31, 2011.

Emergency Coordinator (EC) and Official Emergency Station (OES) appointees:

Full ARES Member requirements plus: IS-800 National Response Framework, An Introduction IS-802 Emergency Support Function (ESF) #2 Communications and either of these two courses: a. EC-002 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level II (see Note below) b. EC-016 Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs

Assistant District Emergency Coordinators (ADEC) appointees and above:

Full ARES Member and EC/OES requirements plus either of these two courses: a. EC-003 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level III (see Note below) b. EC-016 Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs

Note: Courses EC-002 and EC-003 have been replaced by EC-016 and are no longer offered, but those members who completed them may use them to meet requirements.

— Herbert Cole; AI6AT